# Today's News - Tuesday, November 15, 2016

- A sad and disturbing news day: We are so saddened by the passing of Diana Balmori, the landscape architect known for "designing spaces that interface with architecture."
- Who hasn't weighed in on the AIA's initial statement of support for Trump, and its (two!) apologies after "days of withering criticism" to the "AIA's tone-deaf response."
- Evitts Dickinson digs into the (sort of) details of Trump's infrastructure plans: it "relies heavily on private companies" and would be paid for by workers' income taxes and user fees - critics respond (it doesn't bode well).
- Budds offers a shortlist of Trump's "trail of bad deals and banal buildings," and how "he has consistently disrespected the architecture profession" (groan).
- On to brighter news: NBC called architecture majors "useless" - and "the Internet fired back": "it is worth pointing out that NBC's shortlist belies a substantially more positive statistic."
- The 82-year-old Indian architect Raj Rewal reflects on the demolition of his pavilions on New Delhi's trade fair grounds, and talks about why "cities need design-literate people at the helm, not just politicians and lawyers."
- Q&A with Singapore-based architect Chua, "the man behind North Korea's next generation of architects," inspiring "an eclectic mix of building styles that would have been inconceivable a decade ago."
- Lynch parses Kéré's proposed masterful master plan for Burkina Faso's new parliament building that he hopes will "help his country heal."
- London's Royal College of Art taps H&deM to make its Battersea South campus "to become a more STEAM-focused university."
- Five stellar teams headed to Arkansas hoping to win over the jury deciding who will design the renovation and expansion of the Arkansas Arts Center.
- King cheers Handel's Rowan building: "At a time when too many new buildings look as though they were packaged rather than designed," this "addition to San Francisco's Potrero Avenue is positively refreshing."
- Brownell cheers Michael Green's wood building in Minneapolis: T3 "will be the largest mass timber building in the U.S. (although other tall-timber projects are on its heels)."
- Korody's great three-part Q&A with Denise Scott Brown re: "learning from 'Learning from Las Vegas.'"
- We cheer the 2016 Curbed Groundbreakers who are "out to change the world" (great profiles!).
- Eyefuls of the 2016 New Zealand Architecture Award winners - all 27 of 'em.
- Gunts and Russiello parse this year's crop of newly-named National Historic Landmarks - including a "Vonnegut (yes, Vonnegut)" - who knew?

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Obituary: Landscape architect Diana Balmori, 84: ...a leader in the landscape profession, particularly of designing spaces that interface with architecture. -- Balmori Associates - The Architect's Newspaper

Robert Ivy, executive vice president and CEO of AIA, issues second apology for tone-deaf post-election memo: ...video apology after publishing a widely-criticized post-election statement of support for President-Elect Donald Trump...came after days of withering criticism [of] Ivy's memo as tone-deaf and complacent...pledge to prioritize issues of diversity, equity, inclusion, and climate change moving forward and to embark on a listening tour to hear members' concerns more closely. -- Latent Design Group; Architecture Lobby - The Architect's Newspaper

Duo Dickinson: The AIA's Tone-Deaf Response to the Election of Donald Trump: The mistake of treating it as a business-as-usual event when it was nothing of the kind: This was a cataclysmic break from reality...So why would any professional association take a baseball bat to that beehive and issue any statement, pro or con? ...is it really worth dancing with the Donald in the vain hope that it somehow might generate work? - Common Edge

AIA's Post-Election Statement Provokes Backlash: "We're sorry we've hurt and angered our constituents," says AIA CEO Robert Ivy.: ...Michael Sorkin wrote: "While [Ivy's] words appear anodyne...they are an embarrassment to those of us who feel that the Trump presidency represents a clear and present danger..." -- Equity Alliance; Benjamin Prosky/AIANY; NotMyAIA - Architectural Record

Vanessa Quirk: Architects Respond to Trump's Election, AIA's "Endorsement": The statements - from Aaron Betsky, Michael Sorkin, Architecture 2030's Ed Mazria, AIA Chicago, the Architecture Lobby, the Yale School of Architecture, and the Equity Alliance - reveal some of the ways architects around the country are processing Trump's election. - Metropolis Magazine

Elizabeth Evitts Dickinson: How Trump Plans to Fix the Nation's Infrastructure: ...the plan has its critics...relies heavily on private companies...income tax of workers and the profits made from fees collected from users...would offset the lost tax revenue from government tax credits...Public-private partnerships are common in complex infrastructure projects, but what's unusual about [this] plan is the extent to which private companies would take over the entirety of projects. - Architect Magazine

Diana Budds: How Trump Made Architecture (And Cities) Worse: From inflating building heights to stiffing contractors on their fees, he has consistently disrespected the architecture profession...has left a trail of bad deals and banal buildings in its wake...Here's a shortlist of his misdeeds to architecture and architects. - Fast Company / Co.Design

NBC Called Architecture Majors "Useless." The Internet Fired Back: ...it is worth pointing out that NBC's shortlist belies a substantially more positive statistic...the potential for growth in the profession...backed up by the Department of Professional Employees - Architizer

Cities need design-literate people at the helm, not just politicians and lawyers: Raj Rewal designed the Hall of Nations, Hall of Industries and Nehru Pavilion, all to be demolished for redevelopment...collectively opposed by architecture and heritage experts. The 82-year-old architect tells...why some buildings need to be preserved and how smart design can help decongest cities. - Times of India

The man behind North Korea's next generation of architects: ...the streets of Pyongyang are evolving. Curved lines, asymmetric designs and pops of color are enriching new areas...an eclectic mix of building styles that would have been inconceivable a decade ago. (Q&A) By Kate Springer -- Calvin Chua/Spatial Anatomy [images] - CNN Style

Patrick Lynch: Francis Kéré Proposes Master Plan to Help His Country Heal: ...Burkina Faso native hopes to heal his torn country with his proposal for the parliament's master plan...Assembly Building...would need to..."become a catalyst for growth and development for the capital city of Ouagadougou as a whole." -- Kéré Architecture [images] - Metropolis Magazine

The Royal College of Art Names Herzog & de Meuron Competition Winner: Because the RCA campus at Battersea South aims to become a more STEAM-focused (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) university, the jury looked for the combination of these disciplines within the seven final concepts... [images] -

Architect Magazine

Toward a new Arkansas Arts Center: Five architectural firms present ideas on design, connectivity: The firms did not present schematics but talked about their projects...and how they would work with the public to satisfy community desires for the project. -- Allied Works; Shigeru Ban; Studio Gang; Thomas Phifer and Partners; Snohetta- Arkansas Times

John King: SF's Rowan building shows strength in muscular exoskeleton: At a time when too many new buildings look as though they were packaged rather than designed - often packaged badly - the nine-story addition to San Francisco's Potrero Avenue is positively refreshing. Even though it's a nine-story concrete box. -- Handel Architects [images]- San Francisco Chronicle

Blaine Brownell: T3 Becomes the First Modern Tall Wood Building in the U.S.: The seven-story high-rise in Minneapolis...will be the largest mass timber building in the U.S...(although other tall-timber projects are on its heels)...T3 - short for "Timber, Technology, Transit"...paying homage to this timber heritage of its surrounding warehouse district... -- Michael Green Architecture; DLR Group [images]- Architect Magazine

Nicholas Korody: Learning from 'Learning from Las Vegas': in conversation with Denise Scott Brown, Part 3: Research: what 'learning' should mean for architects more broadly. + Part 2: Pedagogy + Part I: The Foundation- Archinect

Introducing the 2016 Curbed Groundbreakers: Nominated by you, and hand-picked by a panel of esteemed architecture and design professionals...They're out to change the world. -- Sharon Davis Design; Kyle Fishburn/Kenbe; Paul Lukez Architecture; Nadine Maleh/Institute for Public Architecture/Community Solutions; Juan Gabriel Moreno/JGMA; Florian Idenburg/Jing Liu/Ilias Papageorgiou/SO-IL [images]- Curbed

2016 New Zealand Architecture Awards announced: 27 projects, ranging from a colourful cycleway to a Maori immersion school, have been awarded... -- New Zealand Institute of Architects/NZIA [images]- ArchitectureNow (New Zealand)

Edward Gunts and James Russiell: Monuments, Man: Buildings by Goodhue, Richardson and Vonnegut (yes, Vonnegut) among those named National Historic Landmarks., -- Vonnegut & Bohn; Bertram Goodhue; H. H. Richardson; Jens Jensen; Albert Kahn; Theodore Link [images]- The Architect's Newspaper

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